

## Crossland, Steffanie

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**From:** Crossland, Steffanie  
**Sent:** Friday, January 24, 2014 1:31 PM  
**To:** Baltazar, Debbie  
**Cc:** Marquardt, Steve  
**Subject:** FW: Francis Flood  
**Attachments:** Steffanie Crossland.vcf; OEPA-Francis Flood.pdf

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From: Crossland, Steffanie  
Sent: Tuesday, November 26, 2013 1:18 PM  
To: Marquardt, Steve; Clark, Jacqueline  
Subject: FW: Francis Flood

Ray Withers of Knox County has provided this email covering what they have done for Mr Flood as well as the fact that the work in question was funded by a HUD Community Development Block Grant. Also, I have attached the email response I received from OEPA in May 2013. I checked in with them regarding this issue after I spoke to Mr. Flood.

Let me know if you need anything else from me. Thanks.

-----Original Message-----

From: Ray Withers [mailto:raywithers@co.knox.oh.us]  
Sent: Tuesday, November 26, 2013 1:10 PM  
To: Crossland, Steffanie  
Subject: Francis Flood

Dear Stephanie,

In response to your inquiry, the following things have been done to help Mr. Flood with his problem:

- 1: We have been out to Mr Floods to review his grading problems, We had the contractor regrade the work area so water does not affect his garage.
- 2: We did not use any USEPA funding for the installation of his infrastructure. Cost were payed for using block grant funds.
- 3: The commissioners met along with the project engineers at Mr. Floods property to determine the extent of foundation damage. It was determined no damage was cause as a result of sewer line and pump station construction. All of the "cracks" in the foundation of the residence had been painted over multiple times and there was no sign of building settling.
- 4: We have worked with the Ohio EPA regarding complaints filed by Mr. Flood.
- 5: We have worked with the Ohio EPA regarding inquires made by the Ohio Attorney Generals office made to OEPA regarding complaints generated by Mr. Flood.

Should you need any further information regarding this matter please contact me at your convenience.

Sincerely,

Ray Withers, Superintendent  
Knox County Water and Wastewater District

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**From:** Crossland, Steffanie  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 30, 2014 2:39 PM  
**To:** Adkins, Angela  
**Cc:** Marquardt, Steve; Zedella, Leah  
**Subject:** RE: Knox County sewer project (OEPA Letters)

Thank you for the heads up.

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**From:** Adkins, Angela <Angela.Adkins@epa.ohio.gov>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 30, 2014 2:37 PM  
**To:** Crossland, Steffanie  
**Cc:** Marquardt, Steve; Zedella, Leah  
**Subject:** FW: Knox County sewer project (OEPA Letters)

Steffanie,

Just an FYI for the Knox County SAP grant (XP-00E01058) if anyone asks about Mr. Flood again in regards to his complaints... we were recently contacted by a reporter to follow up on their article from 2013.

Thank you,

**Angela J. Adkins**

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*Ohio EPA's email addresses have changed. Please update your contact information to the new extension @epa.ohio.gov.*

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**From:** Fallah, Pejmaan  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 29, 2014 4:19 PM  
**To:** Lin, Wen-Tong; Adkins, Angela  
**Cc:** Spurbeck, Kevin; Malone, Steven; Rouch, Jerome; Zedella, Leah  
**Subject:** FW: Knox County sewer project (OEPA Letters)

Folks,

The Ohio EPA Letters to Mr. Flood, the resident in Knox County are FYI.

Project Team,

Kudos to you for keeping AIMS up-to-date which helped me to provide background information to PIC. Can you please attach these letters in AIMS too ☺

Cheers,

Pejmaan

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**From:** Lauer, Heather  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 29, 2014 4:11 PM  
**To:** Fallah, Pejmaan  
**Subject:** RE: Knox County sewer project

Sure, here they are.

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**From:** Fallah, Pejmaan  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 29, 2014 4:10 PM  
**To:** Lauer, Heather  
**Subject:** RE: Knox County sewer project

Heather,

Thanks for the clarification. Can you please share the early 2014 letter with me.  
Thanks,

Pejmaan

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**From:** Lauer, Heather  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 29, 2014 4:07 PM  
**To:** Fallah, Pejmaan; Robinson, Isaac  
**Cc:** Griesmer, Heidi  
**Subject:** RE: Knox County sewer project

Hi Pejmaan,

Isaac was able to provide me with the letter. The reporter would like for me to provide him an answer in writing. Before I do that, I've forwarded the letter(s) to Chris Abbruzzese. He suggested that we might want to send the letters to the reporter and have them stand on their own.

I am waiting further instructions from him.

-Heather

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**From:** Fallah, Pejmaan  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 29, 2014 4:05 PM  
**To:** Lauer, Heather; Robinson, Isaac  
**Subject:** RE: Knox County sewer project

Isaac,

If you do have a copy of the early 2014 letter from the Director to Mr. Flood, can we please get an electronic copy? If not, we will ask Mike when he gets back.

Thank You.

Pejmaan

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**From:** Lauer, Heather  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 29, 2014 4:01 PM  
**To:** Fallah, Pejmaan; Robinson, Isaac; Alauddin, Alauddin; Malone, Steven  
**Cc:** Ward, Adam; Lin, Wen-Tong; Spurbeck, Kevin; Adkins, Angela  
**Subject:** RE: Knox County sewer project

Thank you Pejmaan! This is very helpful!

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**From:** Fallah, Pejmaan  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 29, 2014 3:59 PM  
**To:** Robinson, Isaac; Lauer, Heather; Alauddin, Alauddin; Malone, Steven  
**Cc:** Ward, Adam; Lin, Wen-Tong; Spurbeck, Kevin; Adkins, Angela  
**Subject:** RE: Knox County sewer project

Heather,

Thank you for the heads up. This e-mail is to confirm Isaac's statement. The County did not obtain a WPCLF loan to build sewers in Amity, Bladensburg, Brandon, Jelloway, Millwood, and Mount Liberty unincorporated areas. However, they received a SAP (STAG) grant from USEPA to do the project. Because of the USEPA's grant, we stayed involved during the construction. As such, we coordinated with CDO (Mike Sapp and in one occasion DDAGW) to reach out to the County and ADR, the project Engineers.

During May 2013, Mike Sapp notified our staff about Mr. Flood's complaint. We were also informed that the County, ADR Engineers followed through with the complaint and the County did agree to do minor grading and seeing around his property. To the best of our knowledge, the issue at that time was resolved. As Isaac has pointed out this is a local dispute between Mr. Flood and Knox County.

Please let us know if you meet with Isaac or Mike, it would be helpful for a DEFA staff to join you as well.

Thanks,

Pejmaan

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**From:** Robinson, Isaac  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 29, 2014 2:35 PM  
**To:** Lauer, Heather; Alauddin, Alauddin; Malone, Steven; Fallah, Pejmaan  
**Cc:** Ward, Adam  
**Subject:** RE: Knox County sewer project

Hi Heather,

Mike Sapp of CDO has talked extensively with this Mr. Flood and I have talked with him a couple of times and also sent him a letter in June 2013. Eventually, the Director sent him a letter in early 2014, reinforcing that the connection to his house was not under our jurisdiction and that he needed to work with the Knox County Commissioners.

And if my memory serves me correctly, this project was not funded by DEFA.

You, Mike Sapp and I should probably discuss this matter together. However, Mike Sapp is on vacation through next week, but I should be able to give you the basics on the situation.

Thanks - Isaac

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**From:** Lauer, Heather  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 29, 2014 2:24 PM  
**To:** Alauddin, Alauddin; Malone, Steven; Fallah, Pejmaan  
**Cc:** Robinson, Isaac; Ward, Adam  
**Subject:** Knox County sewer project

Good afternoon,

I'm not sure who is here and available so I'm dropping all of you an email. Joel Chow with Channel 10 called today. He did a story about 2 years ago regarding a sewer project that DEFA funded. Apparently problems that they reported on are ongoing. I'm not sure to whom in DEFA I should speak. Here is the media log entry:

Heather Lauer	07-29-14	Joel Chow/Ch 10	Knox County/Millwood project
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